

Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council

Mammoth Lakes Library – Ellie Randol Room
400 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
June 6, 2016 11:30AM-1:00PM

Minutes

CAPC Members Present: Molly DesBaillets, First 5
(6 members, 4 present) DonnaLisa Knowles, Parent/Community Advocate
Queenie Barnard, IMACA
Sal Montanez, Mono County Behavioral Health Department

CAPC Members Absent: Curtis Hill, Mono County Probation Department
Susi Bains, Wild Iris

CAPC Coordinator: Didi Tergesen, Mono County Office of Education

Guests: Jody Martin, Mono County Public Health Department
Michelle Raust, Mono County Department of Social Services

1. **Call to Order:** Chair, Molly DesBaillets at 11:33 AM
2. **Introductions**
3. **Public Comment:** Members of the public have the opportunity to address the Council on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Council. Jody shared that undocumented children are able to receive medical and behavioral health services through Medi-Cal as of May 2016.
4. **Approval of December 14, 2015 Minutes:** Sal Montanez motioned to approve the December 14, 2015 meeting minutes. DonnaLisa Knowles seconded the motion. No discussion. All approved. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of September 14, 2015 Minutes:** Tabled due to lack of quorum present from the September meeting.
6. **Update CAPC Membership:** DonnaLisa Knowles motioned to accept Alex Ellis's CAPC resignation. Queenie Barnard seconded the motion. No discussion. All approved. Motion carried.
7. **CAPC Member Binder:** CAPC Member Binders were provided to all CAPC members. Coordinator will send electronic copy of binder after meeting.
8. **Child Abuse Prevention Resources:** Share and discuss.
 - a. Prevent Child Abuse America Fact Sheet: An Approach to Preventing Child Abuse. Group reviewed the fact sheet and identified areas in need of improvement. Crisis childcare services would be very helpful to prevent child maltreatment. Currently respite care is not available in our county. Molly sited a program she knew from the past in Garden City, Kansas that offered 24-hour respite childcare. Michelle will share this idea with Social Services staff. Other gap areas discussed: No hospital

Childbirth Education class, although First 5 offers 2 prenatal visits for expectant parents, Father Involvement/Daddy Boot Camps.

- b. Five Protective Factors provided by Strengthening Families, a project of the Center for the Study of Social Policy. Factors that when strong in families mitigate abuse and neglect. This is a research-based framework that can be used with parents, caregivers and to identify individual, family, and community strengths as well as areas in need of support.
- c. Free Online Child Abuse Prevention and Strengthening Families through the Protective Factors Framework Trainings: Friends National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention <https://friendsnrcelearning.org> has a short Protective Factors Framework training with additional PowerPoint resources; National Alliance of Children's Trust & Prevention Funds-Protective Factors Training <http://learner.ctfalliance.org> is a more in-depth training.

9. Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month Activities: The Strengthening Families Team (Molly DesBaillets – First 5, Ana Danielson- Mono County Libraries, Marlo Preis - Social Services, Diann Bitzberger - Health Department and Didi Tergesen - MCOE) created a bookmark contest “What I Love Most About My Family”. There were 45-50 entries, 10 winning bookmarks were selected. All participants received a thank you letter and their families received protective factors resources. For CAP Month, Library branches throughout the county displayed Strengthening Families resources, books and the winning bookmarks. CAPC Special Projects Funds purchased books for the libraries a year ago (books have inside the cover a label acknowledging the CAPC funds). Jody suggested adding a website and additional information on the bookmarks to help better promote and identify the group. Molly suggested adding a tagline after the Strengthening Families Team to say, “A work group of the Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council.” DonnaLisa suggested promoting the bookmarks by adding them to the light poles in Mammoth (Mammoth Elementary School did this in the past). Didi shared that the Strengthening Families Team has a public community Facebook page. They will add this to future promotional materials. No CAP Month report from Wild Iris at this time.

10. Program and Coordinator Sharing and Updates:

- a. **First 5:** Molly DesBaillets, Executive Director – provided a Parenting Partners snapshot. The program is funded from the CAPIT grant, a grant received from the Department of Social Services and Office of Child Abuse Prevention. First 5 receive \$30,000 per year to provide Home Visits to higher needs families. Example of some high needs issues are: chronic health/disability, low-income (most frequent), open child abuse and neglect case, death in family, etc. Families set goals with their Home Visitor. As of this year, First 5 has provided 175 home visits (some families visited are enrolled in Welcome Baby and Parenting Partners program). Molly will bring a Parenting Partners referral form/brochure to the next meeting.

- b. Wild Iris:** Susi Bains, Program Coordinator. Susi was not present. Program update tabled.
- c. MCOE:** Didi Tergesen, CAPC and Strengthening Families Coordinator. Didi provided three presentation since December; two presentations at Mammoth High School Early Child Development and one to Childcare Providers (organized by IMACA). She provided an overview of the CAPC, Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACES), affects of trauma on the brain, the five Protective Factors and a condensed Mandated Reporter Training. Childcare Providers shared that they do not trust that their report will be kept anonymous. This topic initiated a productive discussion for the CAPC and guests. The group identified that the community is uncomfortable making CPS reports. Additionally, the CAPC and guests discussed strategies to encourage the community to feel more comfortable making CPS reports. We need to do more to help normalize the process of making reports. A strategy used by some is to be transparent with the family that you are making a report. It was suggested that DSS staff attend a childcare provider training, so that childcare providers can feel more trust, hear what CWS does after a report, etc. Additional CAPC Coordinator report: Didi shared a document that maps the Protective Factors at work in Mono County. She has been working on this Protective Factors asset map with the Strengthening Families Team and Strategies coaches through the Strategies Technical Assistance grant received this year. Please share with your agency and send any updates, changes to Didi. This is a living document; there will be changes and updates. Ideally, this will become a visual map.

11. CAPC Agency Member Sharing and Updates: CAPC members have the option to share information related to the mission of the CAPC: IMACA – Queenie will reach out to Social Services to arrange CCIP training to help childcare providers feel more trust to make a CPS report. First 5- Shady Rest Health & Safety Fair went well, thank you! New preschools opening in Benton and Bridgeport due to a grant received by First 5. Molly is hoping to work out opening a new preschool in Mammoth, there are budgetary and additional challenges – should know more by July. Behavioral Health created a Cultural Outreach Committee that has started a Forum for Latinos. Sal emailed group the flyer for the next meeting. Sal is organizing two additional wraparound trainings scheduled for August (8/9 and 8/24).

12. Meeting Schedule for 2016-17: Sal motioned to approve the quarterly meeting schedule for 2016-17. September 12, 2016; December 12, 2016; March 13, 2017 and June 12, 2017 from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM at the Mammoth Lakes Library. Queenie seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

13. Meeting adjourned at 1:07 PM.

14. Respectfully submitted, Didi Tergesen, CAPC Coordinator.